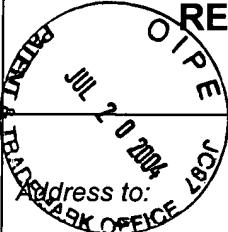


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<b>RECEIVED</b> This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.	
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BASIC FEE		\$ 770.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time fee	+\$	\$ 950.00
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